

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) For a container useful to package consumable contents having a surrounding wall extending from a container bottom to a mouth defined by a rim formation, a removable suspension device comprising:

a ring portion extending over and removably engageable with the rim formation of the mouth of the container to support the container and its contents and

an inwardly positioned flexible suspending element constructed and arranged to support the ring portion of the suspension device and being arranged to be raised from a lower, ~~an as-~~formed position to a raised position to be engaged by a support to suspend the container by its rim formation in a position below the support, for display or transport, the flexible suspending element and the ring portion of the suspension device that is engageable with the rim of the container being so related that raising the suspending element relative to the ring portion and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the ring portion of the suspension device that is engageable with the rim of the container.

2. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the suspending element comprises an element defining an opening, through which said support can be inserted for engagement.

3. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the suspending element is a sheet-form element that is flexible along its length.

Claims 4-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the ring portion and the suspending element are formed as portions of a thermoplastic unit.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 10, wherein the suspending element is of the same material as the rim portion to which it is joined integrally ~~to said rim portion~~.

Claim 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the ring portion of the suspension device extends generally between parallel bounding planes and the suspending element in its as-formed ~~relaxed~~ position lies flat, generally between those planes across the device.

15. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the suspending element extends as a flexible projection to a free end arranged to be engaged by the ~~the~~ support.

Claims 16-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) For a container useful to package consumable contents having a surrounding wall extending from a container bottom to a mouth defined by a rim formation,

a removable suspension device comprising a ring portion extending over and removably engageable with the rim formation of the mouth of the container to support the container and its contents and

an inwardly positioned suspending element having a lower, formed position, and constructed to be raised to support the ring portion of the suspension device, the suspending element being offset relative to an axis of the ring portion to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the container is supported by the suspending element, the suspending element and the ring portion of the suspension device that is engageable with the rim of the container being so related that raising the suspending element relative to the ring portion and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the ring portion of the suspension device that is engageable with the rim of the container~~extending from a region located to suspend the container at a tilted orientation, such that the container, so suspended, is tilted relative to the orientation of the container when rested upon its bottom.~~

29. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 28, wherein the suspending element extends directly from said ring portion of the suspension device, the suspending element being formed integrally of thermoplastic resin with said ring portion of the suspension device.

Claim 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 28, wherein the suspending element comprises an opening[[,]] through which said support can be inserted for engagement.

32. (Currently Amended) The ~~disposable package~~ suspension device of claim 31, wherein the suspending element is of flexible sheet form.

Claims 33-67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently Amended) The ~~disposable~~ package unit of claim 73 in further combination with a display rack on which the package unit is suspended by the suspending element.

69. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 68, wherein the display rack defines a horizontal support rod on which said package unit and one or more package units of the same construction ~~multiple units of said package~~ are suspended, each by its suspending element.

70. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 69, wherein the display rack comprises at least a second horizontal rod, located above the rod of the combination of claim 69, on which one or more package units of the same construction are suspended, each by its suspending element ~~two tiers of said rods, one above another~~, the length of the suspending elements of the package[[s]] units being predetermined such that package[[s]] units hanging from said second rod ~~above~~ do not interfere with placement or removal of package units on the other rod ~~said packages on said other rod~~.

71. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 69, wherein the display rack comprises a rod bent in a V-shape, and mounted on a support such that the rod provides two rod sections which diverge from one another.

72. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 69 in which the display rack comprises a multiple tier display assembly having in which at least two tiers ~~of the display are defined~~ each defined by a rod bent in "V" form, said ~~at least two tiers rods~~ being generally aligned vertically with one another.

73. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 combined with a said container to form a ~~disposable~~ package unit.

74. (Currently Amended) The ~~disposable~~ package unit of claim 73 in which ~~said wall of~~ said container is comprised of a surrounding wall ~~generally flexible material~~ which extends upwardly from a [[said]] bottom of the container to a [[wide]] mouth that is wider than the bottom, the container having a [[said]] rim formation ~~being~~ of greater relative thickness than said surrounding wall.

75. (Currently Amended) The disposable package unit of claim 73 in which said mouth of the container has a ~~is greater than two inch~~ minimum horizontal dimension greater than two inches and is ~~and being~~ about as wide as the ~~horizontal cross section of a top~~ maximum width of the container.

76. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 including a central panel associated with the ring portion of the suspension device to form~~[[ing]]~~ a closure for the mouth of the container.

77. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises paper.
78. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises foil.
79. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises film.
80. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel carries printing.
81. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 76, wherein the central panel has a clear section for viewing through the device ~~through which at least one of the contents and an internal seal may be viewed.~~
82. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 28 including a central panel associated with the ring portion of the device to form[[ing]] a closure for the mouth of the container.
83. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises paper.
84. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises foil.
85. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises film.

86. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel carries printing.

87. (Currently Amended) The suspension device ~~disposable package~~ of claim ~~82 wherein~~ 82 wherein the central panel has a clear central section for viewing through the device through which at least one of the contents and an internal seal may be viewed.

88. (Currently Amended) A suspension device ~~support~~ for a predetermined container having a rim at a top opening, the ~~support~~ suspension device comprising a structure constructed to engage with the rim of the container, an elongated, [[a]] free-ended suspender being integrated with the structure and being deflectable from a ~~an as-lower~~ formed position to a raised, suspending position in which it is capable of suspending the container, the suspender and structure being so related that deflecting the suspender to suspending position and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the structure engageable with the rim of the container.

89. (Currently Amended) The suspension device ~~support~~ of claim 88 in which the free-ended suspender extends from a root region adjacent a portion of the structure of the device that is constructed to engage the rim of the container.

90. (Previously Presented) The support of claim 88 in which the suspender is of sheet form.

91. (Previously Presented) The support of claim 88 in which the structure and said suspender are formed as portions of a thermoplastic unit.

92. (Currently Amended) The support of claim 91 in which the structure includes ~~including~~ a ring engageable with the rim of the container and a central panel constructed to close said opening of the container ~~joined to said ring~~.

93. (Previously Presented) The support of claim 88 in which the suspender is offset relative to an axis of said structure to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the container is supported by the suspender.

94. (Currently Amended) The support of claim 88 in which the structure includes ~~[[is]]~~ a container-supporting ring and the suspender in its as-formed position lies flat within said supporting ring.

95. (Currently Amended) An elongated, free-ended suspender associated with a support structure engageable with a rim of ~~ring for~~ a container, the suspender having an axis of elongation and comprising a main body extending along the axis of elongation, a flexible root region of relatively short extent along said axis of elongation compared to the extent of the~~[[, a]]~~ main body of substantially greater extent along said axis, and a free terminal end shaped to receive a support, the suspender being deflectable from a lower formed position to a raised suspending position, the suspender and structure being so related that deflecting the suspender to suspending position and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the structure engageable with the rim of the container.

96. (Currently Amended) The suspender of claim 95, in which said main body comprises an elongated leg portion having a width, the terminal end

comprising a head joined to the leg portion, the head being wider than the width of the leg portion and defining an engageable formation.

97. (Currently Amended) The suspender of claim 96 ~~claim 96~~, in which said leg portion is of lesser lateral extent than said root portion and the engageable formation.

98. (Previously Presented) The suspender of claim 97, the suspender being of sheet form and said engageable formation comprising an opening in the distal end of said suspender.

99. (Currently Amended) A suspension device ~~support structure~~ for a container comprising a supporting ring engageable with a mouth of a container, the ring having an axis of symmetry and a transverse extent, an elongated, flexible suspender joined ~~to said structure inwardly of~~ to said supporting ring ~~at a position that is~~ asymmetric ~~with respect to said ring in manner~~ to cause the container supported by said suspender ~~by said ring~~ to hang at an angle, the suspender being deflectable from a lower formed position to a raised suspending position, the suspender and supporting ring being so related that deflecting the suspender to suspending position and applying suspending force to the suspender does not disturb the supporting ring that is engageable with the rim of the container.

100. (Previously Presented) The support of claim 99, in which said flexible suspender is secured to said ring at a single root region.

101. (Currently Amended) The support structure of claim 99 in which the suspender is of length exceeding at least half of the minimum transverse dimension of the supporting ring.

102. (New) A suspension device for a predetermined container having a rim formation at a top opening,
the suspension device comprising a ring portion of thermoplastic resin of a lid or supporting ring, the ring portion having a width sufficient to extend across the opening of the container and constructed to interfit with the rim formation of the container, the ring portion generally lying between parallel limiting planes, and
a flexible suspending element formed of thermoplastic resin integrally with the ring portion, the suspending element having a main body generally of sheet form of substantially constant thickness, the suspending element, in its as-formed position, lying inwardly of the ring portion, parallel with and along or between the limiting planes, the suspending element being deflectable from its formed position to an upstanding position in which it is capable of carrying weight of the container,
the flexible suspending element and the ring portion of the suspension device that is engageable with the rim of the container being so related that raising the suspending element relative to the rim portion and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the ring portion that is engageable with the ring of the container.

103. (New) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the suspension element, as formed, extends flat across a center panel joined to the ring portion.

104. (New) The suspension device of claim 102 or 103 combined with a container having a rim formation, at a top opening, with which the ring portion is interfit, the container having a central axis, said suspender being joined asymmetrically to the ring portion at a location offset a substantial distance from the central axis of the container, the offset distance being sufficient to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the container is supported by the suspension element.

105. (New) The suspension device of claim 102 or 103 in which the suspension element is elongated, extending, from a root at the ring portion, along an axis of elongation and terminating at a free-ended portion shaped to receive a support.

106. (New) The suspension device of claim 105 comprising a single suspension element which extends substantially across the width within the ring portion.

107. (New) The suspension device of claim 106 in which the suspension element extends a length exceeding one half the width of the ring portion.

108. (New) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the ring portion is constructed to have a friction fit with the rim formation of the container.

109. (New) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the ring portion surrounds a center panel forming a lid.

110. (New) The suspension device of claim 109 in which at least part of the center panel is transparent.

111. (New) The suspension device of claim 109 in which the center panel bears printing.

112. (New) A closed package for display comprising a container containing merchandise, the container having a bottom and a self-supporting wall extending from the bottom to a mouth defined by a rim formation, a cover extending over the mouth and about the exterior of the rim formation of the container in manner to close the container to form the closed package, and a single flexible, substantially elongated thermoplastic suspending element associated with the closed package, the suspending element secured to the package at a region in the vicinity of the rim formation of the container and having a lower formed position, the suspending element being flexibly deflectable from its formed position upwardly to a container-suspending position, the suspending element being so related to the closed package that the action of flexibly deflecting the suspender upwardly to suspending position, and applying suspending force to the suspender to lift the container in a tilted condition, does not disturb the rim of the container or the closed condition of the package.